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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE TOWN OF

GROTON

NEW HAMPSHIRE



YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1949

Annual Reports
of the
Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer,
Road Agents, School Board and
Other Officials
of the
Town of Groton
for the
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1949

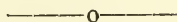
The Colby Press, Rumney Depot, N. H.

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Town Officers for 1949



Moderator	Agnes A. Lane
Town Clerk	Ileene A. Matthews
Selectmen	Frederick I. Taylor, Carroll G. Matthews Floyd H. Colby
Road Agents	Perley Matthews, Charles Tarr
Snow Removal	Ernest E. Matthews
Treasurer	Ileene A. Matthews
Tax Collector	Annie M. Esty
Land Agents	Selectmen
Librarian	Agnes A. Lane
Police	Edgar Albert
Overseer of Poor	Edythe M. Newton
Health Officer	Frederick I. Taylor
Auditors	Flora Matthews, Violet G. Parris
School Board	Yvonne Stevens, Annie Esty Flora Matthews
School District Clerk and Treasurer ..	Ileene A. Matthews
Trustees of Trust Funds .	Floyd H. Colby, Frederick I. Taylor
Library Trustees	Ileene A. Matthews, Flora Matthews Violet G. Parris
Surveyors of Wood, Lumber, Bark and Fence Viewers	Lucien Parris, Floyd H. Colby
Janitor	Floyd Colby
Constable	Floyd Colby
Fire Warden	Ernest E. Matthews
Deputy Wardens	Lucien Parris, Samuel E. Lane. Floyd H. Colby, Edgar J. Albert.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Groton in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.:

(LS)

You are hereby notified to meet at The Town House in said Groton on Tuesday, the fourteenth of March, next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see if the Town will vote to give a discount on property taxes paid on or before August first 1950.
4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
5. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of or administer any real estate acquired by Tax Collector's deeds, such authority to remain in force until further action.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 50.00 for Newfound Region Association.
7. To see if the Town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the Division of Municipal Accounting, and to make an appropriation to cover the expense of such audit.
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 670.50 and the State will contribute \$ 2,011.50 for State Aid Construction on the Cheever road.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 187.25 and the State will contribute \$ 748.98 for Town Road Aid.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 30.00 to mow the Town House yard and the Rolfe Hill Cemetery.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 300.00 to be donated to the Hebron-Groton Athletic Association. It is understood that the Town will have access to their recreation field for any purpose which will not damage the baseball diamond or interfere with any scheduled game.

12. To see if the Town will vote to accept the remaining items in the budget as printed and make appropriations for same.

13. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-fourth day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty.

FREDERICK I. TAYLOR,
CARROLL G. MATTHEWS,
FLOYD H. COLBY,

Selectmen of Groton,

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

FREDERICK I. TAYLOR,
CARROLL G. MATTHEWS,
FLOYD H. COLBY,

Selectmen of Groton

BUDGET OF THE TOWN
Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the
Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations

SOURCE OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous 1949 Year	Actual Revenue Previous 1949 Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing 1950 Year
FROM STATE:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	64.25	77.49	77.49
Savings Bank Tax	26.41	25.43	25.43
Reimbursement a-c State and Fed forest lands	29.97	32.71	32.71
For Fighting Forest Fires	100.00	36.24	50.00
FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:			
Dog Licenses		36.60	36.60
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	50.00	15.00	50.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	60.00	68.44	60.00
Income Highway Dept., inc. rentals	500.00	574.50	500.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	140.00	228.92	200.00
Sale of Town Property	500.00	780.16	100.00
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds	3,643.76		
Cash Surplus	1,766.41	1,766.41	1,281.49
FROM LOCAL TAXES OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES:			
Poll Taxes	100.00	64.00	100.00
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES			
EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	3,337.04	7,349.66	2,513.72
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes	13,678.00	13,678.00	11,329.90
Total Revenues			\$ 13,843.62

OF GROTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Ensuing Year January 1, 1950 to December 31, 1950

and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1949 to December 31, 1949

PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE	Approp. Previous Year 1949	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1949	Estimated Expend. Ensuing Year 1950
CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Town Officers' Salaries	1,000.00	597.60	1,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	660.00	427.03	600.00
Election and Registration Expenses	150.00	66.40	200.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Bldgs.	35.00	34.00	35.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:			
Police Department	15.00	5.00	15.00
Fire Department	300.00	117.42	300.00
Moth Extermination—Blister Rust			
HEALTH:			
Health Department	125.00	100.00	25.00
Vital Statistics	5.00	4.50	5.00
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:			
Town Maintenance: Summer	2,000.00	2,174.11	2,000.00
Winter	1,750.00	1,142.75	1,750.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	1,000.00	354.09	500.00
Town Road Aid	186.95	219.53	187.25
Library	200.00	200.00	150.00
PUBLIC WELFARE:			
Town Poor	50.00		50.00
Old Age Assistance	275.00	410.99	400.00
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:			
Cemeteries	30.00	22.40	30.00
UNCLASSIFIED:			
Damages and Legal Expenses	50.00		50.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	42.00	42.00	50.00
Parks and Playgrounds			300.00
INTEREST:			
On Temporary Loans	20.00	20.00	40.00
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:			
State Aid Construction—Town's Share	679.50	4,323.26	670.50
New Equipment	2,500.00	2,090.00	
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS:			
County Taxes	1,107.09	907.83	865.81
Payments to School District	4,444.50	4,408.88	4,620.06
Total Expenditures	\$16,565.04	17,667.79	13,843.62

COMPARATIVE OF APPROPRIATIONS

Fiscal Year Ending

Title of Appropriation.	Appropriations	Receipts and Reimburs'mt
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,000.00	
Town Officers' Expenses	600.00	
Election and Registration	150.00	
Town Hall Expense	35.00	
Police Department	15.00	
Fire Department	300.00	36.24
Health Department	125.00	
Vital Statistics	5.00	
Town Maintenance, summer	2,000.00	
Town Maintenance, winter	1,750.00	
Town Road Aid	186.95	
General Expense of Highway Dept.	1,000.00	
Library	200.00	
Town Poor	50.00	
Old Age Assistance	275.00	
Cemeteries	30.00	
Damages and Legal Expenses	50.00	
Advertising and Regional Assns.	42.00	
Interest on Temporary Loans	20.00	
State Aid Construction	679.50	3,643.76
New Equipment	2,500.00	
County Tax	1,107.909	
Payments to School District	4,444.50	
Totals	\$ 16,565.04	3,680.00

STATEMENT AND EXPENDITURES

December 31, 1949

Total Amt. Available	Expendi- tures	Unexpended Balance	Overdraft
\$ 1,000.00	597.60	402.40	
.... 600.00	427.03	172.97	
.... 150.00	66.40	83.60	
..... 35.00	34.00	1.00	
..... 15.00	5.00	10.00	
.... 336.24	117.42	218.82	
.... 125.00	100.00	25.00	
..... 5.00	4.50	.50	
... 2,000.00	2,174.11		174.11
... 1,750.00	1,142.75	607.25	
..... 186.95	219.53		32.58
... 1,000.00	354.09	645.91	
.... 200.00	200.00		
..... 50.00		50.00	
..... 275.00	410.99		134.99
..... 30.00	22.43	7.60	
..... 50.00		50.00	
..... 42.00	42.00		
..... 20.00	20.00		
4,323.26	4,323.26		
.. 2,500.00	2,090.00	410.00	
.... 1,107.09	907.83	199.26	
.. 4,444.50	4,408.88	35.62	
20,245.04	17,667.97	2,919.93	341.68
Net Unexpended Balance over Overdraft \$ 2,578.25			

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS
AND TAXES ASSESSED

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	600.00
Election and Registration Expenses	150.00
Town Hall and Buildings	35.00
Police Department	15.00
Fire Department	300.00
Health Department	125.00
Vital Statistics	5.00
State Aid Construction	679.50
Town Road Aid	186.95
Town Maintenance	3,750.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	1,000.00
New Equipment	2,500.00
Library	200.00
Old Age Assistance	275.00
Town Poor	50.00
Cemeteries	30.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	50.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	42.00
Interest	20.00
County Tax	907.83
School Tax	4,444.50
Total Town and School Appropriations	\$ 16,365.78

Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 77.07
Savings Bank Tax	26.41
Reimbursement on account of State and Federal lands	29.97
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	140.00
Rent of Town Property	550.00
Interest Received on Taxes	60.00
Sale of Tax Deeded Property	500.00
Cash Surplus	1,766.41
Total Revenues and Credits	3,149.86
	13,215.92
Plus overlay	321.08
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	13,540.00
Less Poll Taxes at \$2.00	118.00
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes on which Tax Rate is Figure d	\$ 13,422.00

Taxes to be Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$ 13,422.00
Poll Taxes at \$2.00	118.00
Total Taxes to be Committed	\$ 13,540.00
 Town Tax Rate	 \$ 3.00

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Land and Buildings	\$ 192,590.00
Growing Wood and Timber	49,650.00
Electric Plants	195,140.00
Horse 25	2,185.00
Cows, 28	3,085.00
Other Neat Stock, 4	300.00
Fowls, 324	400.00
Wood, lumber etc, 150 cords	1,500.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks, 1	50.00
Mills and Machinery	2,500.00
Total Valuation	\$ 447,400.00
59 Poll Taxes at \$2.00	118.00
Total Amount to be Committed to Collector	\$ 13,540.00
Average rate of taxation	3.00
Amount of Property Exempted to Veterans	7,550.00
Number of inventories sent out	160
Numner of inventories returned	72
Number of Veterans who receive property exemption	10
Number of Veterans exempted from poll tax	11

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CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in the report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

F. J. Taylor,
C. G. Matthews,
Floyd H. Colby,

August 5, 1949.

Selectmen of Groton

Town of Groton	Assets
Cash: In hands of Treasurer	\$ 1,281.49
Capital Reserve Fund:	
For Post War Project	485.27
Accounts Due to the Town, From State:	
Joint Highway Cons. Act., Unexpended bal	4,805.50
Bounties	52.00
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1948	471.41
Levy of 1947	148.89
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1949	2,132.26
Levy of 1948	20.99
Levy of 1947	11.00
Previous Years	199.19
Total Assets	\$ 9,608.00
Surplus December 31, 1948	4,022.64
Surplus, December 31, 1949	4,317.23
Increase of Surplus	\$ 294.59

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Town of Groton	Liabilities
State and Town Joint Highway Construction Account:	
Unexpended balance in State Treasury	\$ 4,805.50
Capital Reserve Fund:	485.27
Total Liabilities	\$ 5,290.77
Excess of Assets over liabilities (Surplus)	4,317.23
Grand Total	\$ 9,608.00

Town of Groton

Receipts

Current Revenue:**From Local Taxes:**

Property Taxes, current year	\$ 10,782.89
Poll Taxes, current year	64.00

Total Current Years Taxes Collected	10,846.89
Property Taxes, previous years	1,225.76
Poll Taxes, previous years	26.00
Interest received on taxes	68.44
Tax Sales Redeemed	80.27

From State:

Plowing Roads	569.50
Interest and Dividend Tax	77.49
Savings Bank Tax	25.43
Reimbursement a-c State & Fed. Forest lands	32.71
Fighting forest fires	36.24
Bounties	151.50

From Local Sources Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	36.60
Rent of Town Property	20.00
Registration of Motor Vehicles, 1948 Permits	1.44
Registration of Motor Vehicles, 1949 Permits	227.48

Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	1,000.00
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve Fund	3,643.76
Sale of Town Property	780.16

Total Receipts from all Sources	\$18,849.67
Cash on hand January 1, 1949	1,766.41

Grand Total	\$ 20,616.08
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Town of Groton**Payments****Current Maintenance Expenses:****General Government:**

Town Officers' Salaries	\$597.60
Town Officers' Expenses	427.03
Election and Registration expenses	66.40
Expenses Town hall and other buildings	34.00

Protection of Persons and Property

Police department	5.00
Fire Department, inc. forest fires	117.42
Bounties	52.00

Health:

Health, including hospitals	100.00
Vital Statistics	4.50

Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	219.53
Town Maintenance, summer	2,174.11
Town Maintenance, winter	1,142.75
General Expenses of Highway Department	354.09

Library

Library	200.00
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Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	410.99
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Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries	22.40
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Unclassified:

Advertising and Regional Associations	42.00
Taxes bought by Town	578.20

Interest:

Paid on temporary loan in anticipation of taxes	20.00
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Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvement:

Highways and Bridges, State Aid construction	4,323.26
New Equipment, highway	2,090.00

Indebtedness:

Payments on temporary loans	1,000.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:	
Taxes paid to County	907.83
Payments to School District	4,445.498
Total paid to Other Governmental Divisions	5,353.31
Total Payments for all Purposes	\$ 20,616.03

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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$1,200.00
Furniture and Equipment	200.00
Library, Lands and Buildings	1,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,500.00
Fire Department, Equipment	100.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	1,000.00
Equipment	4,500.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	2,200.00
Equipment	600.00
All Lands and Buildings acquired thru Tax Collector's	
Deeds	49,293.65
Total	\$ 61,593.65

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Auto tax collected		\$ 228.92
Dog tax collected	\$ 40.00	
Less Clerk's fees	3.40	
		36.60
Total		\$ 256.52
Paid to Treasurer		256.52

One fire reported for the year 1949

Respectfully submitted,
LIEENE A. MATTHEWS, Town Clerk

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1949

Debits

Taxes committed to Collector:

Property taxes	\$ 12,425.00
Poll taxes	118.00
Total Warrant	13,543.00
Added taxes	
Poll tax	2.00
Interest	.31
Total Debits	13,545.31

Credit

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property taxes	10,782.89
Poll taxes	64.00
Interest	.31
Discount	290.50
Abatements	275.35
Uncollected taxes:	
Property taxes	2,080.26
Poll taxes	52.00
Total Credit	\$ 13,545.31

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1948

Debits

Uncollected taxes ^{vs} of January 1, 1949	
Property taxes	\$ 1,269.50
Poll taxes	28.00
Interest	68.13
Total Debits	\$ 1,365.63

Credits

Remittances to Treasurer, Fiscal year ended Dec. 31, 1949	
Property taxes	\$ 1,225.76
Poll taxes	26.00
Interest	68.13
Abatements	24.75
Uncollected taxes:	
Property taxes	18.99
Poll tax	2.00
Total Credits	\$ 1,365.63

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1947

Debits

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1949	\$ 11.00
Total Debits	\$ 11.00

Credits

Uncollected taxes	11.00
Total Credits	\$ 11.00

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1946

Debits

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1949	\$ 9.60
Total Debits	\$ 9.60

Credits

Uncollected taxes	\$ 9.60
Total Credits	\$ 9.60

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1945**Debits**

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1949	\$ 8.05
Total Debits	\$ 8.05

Credits

Uncollected taxes	\$ 8.05
Total Credits	\$ 8.05

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1944**Debits**

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1949	\$ 18.48
Total Debits	\$ 18.48

Credits

Abatement	\$ 16.80
Uncollected taxes	1.68
Total Credits	\$ 18.48

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1943**Debits**

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1949	\$ 66.60
Total Debits	\$ 66.60

Credits

Abatements	\$ 22.10
Uncollected taxes	44.50
Total Credits	\$ 66.60

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1942

Debits

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1949	\$ 46.35
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Total Debits	\$ 46.35
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Credits

Abatements	\$ 16.65
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Uncollected taxes	29.70
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Total Credits	\$ 46.35
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Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1941

Debits

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1949	\$ 61.01
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Total Debits	\$ 61.01
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Credits

Abatements	\$ 13.28
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Uncollected taxes	47.73
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Total Credits	\$ 61.01
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Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1940

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1949	\$ 29.30
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Total Debits	\$ 29.30
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Credits

Uncollected taxes	\$ 29.30
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Total Credits	\$ 29.30
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Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1939

Debits

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1949	\$ 16.43
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Total Debits	\$ 16.43
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Credits

Uncollected taxes	\$ 16.43
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Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1938

Debits	
Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1949	\$ 14.20
Total Debits	\$ 14.20
Credits	
Abatement	\$ 2.00
Uncollected taxes	12.20
Total Credits	\$ 14.20

Summary of Tax Sales Accounts as of December 31, 1949

Debits			
	Tax Sale on Account of Levy of		
	1948	1947	1946
Balance of Unredeemed			
Taxes, January 1, 1949	\$ 673.82	311.41	214.80
Interest collected after sale		2.47	6.55
Total Debits	673.82	313.88	221.35
Credits			
Remittances to Treasurer		40.99	39.28
Deeds	202.41	124.00	182.07
Unredeemed Taxes	471.41	148.89	
Total Credits	673.82	313.88	221.35

ANNIE M. ESTY, Collector of Taxes

TREASURER'S REPORT

Annie M. Esty, Collector Property, polls 1948	\$ 709.68
Interest	32.01
Property, polls, 1949	10,846.89
Interest	.31
Taxes Redeemed	80.27
Taxes bought by Town	542.08
Interest	32.12
State of N. H., Plowing roads	569.50
Bounties	151.50
Reimbursement, Forest fire meeting	10.26
Reimbursement, Forest fire investigation	21.78
Reimbursement, Forest fire service	4.20
Reimbursement on State owned lands	32.71
Savings Bank tax	25.43
Interest and Dividends tax	77.49
Draper Corporation, sale of land	520.00
Pemigewasset National Bank, sale of land	260.16
Carl Bowles, rent of Sargent place	15.00
Ernest E. Matthews, rent of equipment	5.00
Agnes A. Lane, Loan	1,000.00
Trustees of Trust Funds, Fund for Post War Project	3,643.76
Town Clerk, Auto Permit fees	228.92
Town Clerk, Dog tax	36.60
Total Receipts	18,849.67
Balance in Treasury, January 1, 1949	1,766.41
Total	20,616.08
Less Selectmen's orders paid	19,334.59
Balance	\$ 1,281.49

Respectfully submitted,

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS, Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1949	\$ 1,766.41
Annie M. Esty, Collector : 1949 Property tax	10,782.89
1948 Property tax	683.68
1949 Poll tax	64.00
1948 Poll tax	26.00
Interest on taxes	68.44
Taxes redeemed	80.27
Taxes bought by Town	542.08
State of N. H., Reimbursement Forest fire protection	36.24
Reimbursement, State owned lands	32.71
Bounties	151.50
Savings Bank tax	25.43
Interest and Divends $\frac{1}{2}$ tax	77.49
Plowing roads	569.50
Town Clerk. : Auto Permit fees	228.92
Dog tax	36.60
Carl M. Bowles, rent of Sargent place	15.00
E. E. Matthews, rent of equipment	5.00
Draper Corp., sale of land	520.00
Pemigewasset National Bank, sale of land	260.16
Agnes A. Lane, Temporary loan	1,000.00
Trustees of Trust Funds, fund for post war project	3,643.76
Total Receipts	\$ 20,616.08

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

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General Government

Town Officers Salaries:

Violet Parris, Auditor	\$ 21.60
Flora Matthews, Auditor	21.60
Charles F. Place, Slectman	16.80
Floyd H. Colby, Selectman	94.40
Frank E. Matthews, Selectman	13.60
F. I. Taylor, Sselectman	104.00
Carroll Matthews, Selectman	20.60
Heene A. Matthews, Clerk and Treasurer	110.00
Edythe M. Newton, Overseer	25.00
Annie M. Esty, Tax Collector	170.00
Total	\$ 597.60

Town Officers Expenses:

Violet Parris, Auditor	\$ 6.00
Floyd Colby, Selectman	12.14
F. I. Taylor, Selectman	17.70
Annie M. Esty, Tax Collector	97.12
Heene A. Matthews, Clerk and Treasurer	8.25
Heene A. Matthews, Fees	51.37
U.;S. Auto and Truck Guide	5.00
John C. Ray, Town Officers Bonds	42.50
Brown and Saltmarsh, tax book	9.50
F. J. Shores, transfers	8.81
Brown and Saltmarsh, Dog tags	3.65
Brown and Saltmarsh, Vital Statistics Binder	4.50
Sargent Brothers, printing tax forms	10.05
N. H. Assessor's Assn., 1949 dues	2.00
N. H. Tax Collectors' Assn., 1949 dues	2.00
Brown and Saltmarsh, tax forms	2.90

F. J. Shores, Register, Recording tax sale	22.50
F. J. Shores, Register, mortgage search, recording deeds	26.59
The Colby Press, printing town reports and ballots	91.75
Bank charges	2.70

Total

\$ 427.03

Election and Registration:

Lillian Colby, Supervisor	\$ 16.00
E. E. Matthews, Supervisor	16.00
Edythe M. Newton, Supervisor	16.00
Flora Matthews, Ballot Clerk	6.40
Annie M. Esty, Ballot Clerk	6.40
Agnes A. Lane, Moderator	5.60

Total

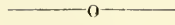
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Miscellaneous Bills:

State of N. H., Old Age Assistance	\$ 410.99
Floyd H. Colby, Bounties	37.25
Carroll Matthews, Bounties	7.75
F. I. Taylor, Bounties	7.00
Sceva Speare Building Fund	100.00
Deene Matthews, Vital Statistics	4.50
Flora Matthews, Library Treasurer	200.00
N. H. Electric Coop., Lights at Town Hall	24.00
Floyd Colby, Janitor	10.00
Edgar Albert, Collecting dog taxes	5.00
Carroll Matthews, mowing Town House yard, Cemetery	22.40
Annie M. Esty, Taxes bought by town	578.20
Newfound Lake Region Association	42.00
John C. Ray, Insurance on bridge job	448.98
State of N. H., Town Road Aid	219.53
State of N. H., State Aid Construction	679.50
State of N. H., Town's share-North Groton Bridge	3,194.83
Jones Auto Co., Chevrolet truck, 2 ton	2,090.00
Agnes Lane, Temporary loan	1,000.00
Agnes A. Lane, Interest on temporary loan	20.00
Groton School District	4,445.48

Harry S. Huckins, Treas., County tax	907.83
Ernest E. Matthwes, Fire warden	50.75
Floyd H. Colby, Deputy warden	40.47
C. G. Matthews, Fireman	8.00
Perley Matthews, Fireman	4.00
E. E. Matthews, Jr. Fireman	4.00
F. E. Matthews, Fireman	3.60
Norris I. Smith, Fireman	2.40
Charles Powden, Investigating fire	4.20
R. S. Yeaton, planks	14.86
Barnard's Garage, repairs to truck	78.72
Ned Braley, Truck headlights	10.00
John C. Ray, Truck fire and theft insurance	34.86
John C. Ray, Truck liability insurance	24.09
State Highway Garage, mounting plow	191.56
Total	\$ 14,926.70

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT



South End Road—Supervision of Perley D. Matthews

Perley Matthews, Labor	\$ 240.40
Perley Matthews, Truck	170.40
Perley Matthews, team	93.60
Perley Matthews, Planks	43.20
Perley Matthews, Nails and spikes	3.00
Perley Matthews, Paint	3.00
Norris, Smith, Labor	60.80
Norris Smith, Truck	2.00
W. I. Smith, Labor	29.60
Harold Matthews, Labor	5.60
Harold Matthews, Team	12.00
Harold Matthews, Truck	5.00
Edgar McClellan, Labor	122.40
C. G. Matthews, Labor	8.80
C. G. Matthews, Tractor	29.70
Dennis Matthews, Labor	9.60
E. E. Matthews, Labor	20.00
Ed. Dunkerton, Labor	120.00
Ed. Dunkerton, Gravel	5.60
Charles Matthews, Labor	2.40
Peter Lavoie, Labor	28.80
Total	\$ 1,015.90

North End Road—Supervision of Charles H. Tarr

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Charles H. Tarr, Labor	\$ 259.20
Charles H. Tarr, Team	135.20
Charles H. Tarr, Truck	8.00
Dewey Chase, Bridge planks	52.78
Dewey Chase, spikes	1.00
Carl Bowles, Labor	31.60
Carl Bowles, Truck	3.00
Fred Waldron, Labor	99.20
Ernest Carter, Labor	78.00
Ernest Carter Truck	97.50
Fred Goss, Labor	6.40
William Hobbs, Labor	6.40
Holman Hood, Labor	12.00
Lloyd French, Gravel	4.00
Lucien Parris, Labor	9.60
Lucien B. Parris, Truck	6.00
Ben B. Foster, Scrapers	14.95
Richard Carter, Labor	11.60
Theron Hurd, Labor	121.20
George Ray, Labor	19.20
James Carter, Tractor	3.00
Walter Foster, Rock forks	4.78
Arthur Ashley, Labor	12.80
Arthur Ashley, Truck	16.00
Arthur Ashley, Gravel	5.00
Fred Landon, Labor	129.60
Fred Landon, Gravel	10.20
Total	\$ 1,158.21

Snow Removal-Supervision of Ernest E. Matthews

E. E. Matthews, Labor	\$ 591.80
Floyd H. Colby, Labor	361.80
Floyd H. Colby, Board and bolts	2.00
V. M. Matthews, Labor	11.20
E. E. Matthews, Jr., Labor	16.00
Louis Albert, Labor	3.20
E. Mc Clellan, Labor	7.20
E. Mc Clellan, Gasoline	51.00
Deming Oil Co., Gasoline	93.20
W. Merrill, Sand	5.00
E. E. Matthews, Telephone	.25
Total	\$ 1,142.75

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF GROTON, FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1949.

DATE OF CREATION	TRUST FUNDS PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED	Balance						
			of Income on hand at Beginning of Year	of Income Expended During Year					
	All trust funds should be reported separately giving name of fund and donor	State character and rate of return for each investment State also if funds were borrowed or used for city or town purposes and indicate whether notes have been used as required by Chapter 51, Section 23. Revised Laws	AMOUNT Of Principal Int.	Hand at end of Year					
George W Hall Fund George W Hall Care of Hall Lot in Union Cemetery	Cyrus Blood Fund Cyrus Blood Care of Cyrus Blood Lot in Rolle Hill Cemetery	Deposited in the Plymouth Savings Bank.	\$ 26.00	2 %	\$ 24.18	1.02	0.00	25.20	
		U. S. Savings Bond F Series	74.00						
		Deposited in the Plymouth Savings Bank.	\$ 13.00	2 %	10.50	.46	10.96		
		U. S. Savings Bond F Series	37.00						
Town of Cotton Fund for post war project.	Deposited in the Plymouth Savings Bank.		*\$ 485.27	2 %	77.49	51.54	*129.03		
Totals			\$ 635.27		\$ 112.17	\$ 53.02	129.03	\$ 36.16	

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.
 FLOYD H COLBY, F. I. TAYLOR Trustees. January 12, 1950. Examined and found correct. FLORA MATTHEWS, VIOLET PARRIS. Auditors

*Note: Total of this fund in December 1949 was \$4,129.03 including principal and interest. \$3,643.76 was withdrawn on December 22, 1949 to pay Town's share of construction of State Aid Bridge in North Groton. This amount was composed of \$3,514.73 from principal and 129.03 interest, leaving balances as indicated.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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Resources

Books owned January 1, 1949	1834
Books added during year	14
Bookmobile	40
State Reports, etc.	6
Magazine currently received	3

Service

Volumes of fiction lent	301
Volumes of non-fiction lent	110
Volumes of juvenile fiction lent	195

Total Circulation	606
New Borrowers	14
Regular Borrowers	8
School Children	11

Librarian's Cash Statement

Amount on hand January 1, 1949	\$ 19.14
Sale of book	5.00
M. F. Warner Gift	5.00
	\$ 29.14

Expenses

Books	\$ 9.50
Digest	5.00
Postage	.55
Total	\$ 15.05
Amount on hand January 1, 1950	\$ 14.09

LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

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Receipts January 1, 1949 to December 31, 1949

January 1, Cash on hand	\$ 64.17
July 18, Selectmen	50.00
Oct 15, Selectmen	100.00
Dec. 30, Selectmen	50.00
Total Receipts	\$ 264.17

Payments

Jan. 15 Eugene Place, Cleaning	\$ 2.40
Jan 24 Flora Matthews, Salary	4.00
Feb. 7 Flora Matthews, Salary	6.00
June 6 Dorothy Place one half years salary	7.50
June 30 N. H. Electric Coop., lights	24.00
Oct. 15 Harold Hamblett, rock and sand	10.50
Oct. 15 Perley Matthews, laying wall	16.00
Oct. 20 Farm Bureau Insurance	7.00
Nov.23 Flora Matthews, cleaning sal.	27.95
Nov 30 Flora Matthews, 3 bags cement, sal.	7.60
Dec. 21 Dorothy Place, one half year salary	7.00
Dec. 21 Lippincott, books	2.75
Dec. 21 American Library, books	8.05
Dec. 21 Goodmann's, books	1.50
Dec. 21 Thomas Nelson, books	2.00
Dec. 21 Flora Matthews, Sal.	56.00
Check book and bank charge	1.50
Total Payments	\$ 192.25
Cash on hand	71.92
	\$ 264.17

Annual Report
of the
SCHOOL DISTRICT
of
GROTON
for

Fiscal Year

JULY 1, 1943 - JUNE 30, 1949

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

OF

GROTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SCHOOL DIRECTORY

 District Officers

Mrs. Agnes A. Lane	Moderator
Mrs. Heene A. Matthews	Treasurer
Mrs. Heene A. Matthews	Clerk
Mrs. Violet Parris	Auditor

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School Board

Mrs. Yvonne Stevens	Term expires 1950
Mrs. Annie Esty	Term expires 1951
Mrs. Flora Matthews	Term expires 1952

Teacher

Mrs. Ida G. Serrine	South Groton
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Superintendent of Schools

C. Maurice Gray

School Nurse

Mrs. Anna Lovett, R. N.

FINANCIAL REPORT

of

School Treasurer

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1949

Summary:

Cash on hand June 30, 1948	\$ 441.82
Received from Selectmen, appropriation	3,744.28
Received from Selectmen, dog tax	61.00
Received from State Treasurer, state aid	193.17
Received from, all sources	25.00
Total amount available for fiscal year	4,465.27
Less School Board Orders Paid	4,429.65
Balance on hand as of June 30, 1949	\$ 35.62

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS, Treasurer

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Auditors' Certificate

This is to certify that we have examined the book, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Groton, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949 and find them correct in all respects.

VIOLET G. PARRIS, Auditor

SCHOOL BOARD'S REPORT

Receipts:

Cash on hand June 30, 1948	\$ 441.82
Received from selectmen	3,805.28
Received from State Treasurer	193.17
From all other sources	25.00

Total Receipts	\$ 4,465.27
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Detailed Statement of Payments**Salaries of District Officers:**

Annie Esty, school board	\$ 30.00
Yvonne Stevens, school board	30.00
Violet Parris, school board	30.00
Flora Matthews, Auditor	3.20
Ileene Matthews, clerk and treasurer	30.00

\$ 123.20

Superintendent's Salary:

Supervisory Union No. 4	152.38
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Truant Officer and Census:

Annie Esty	5.00
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Expenses of Administration:

Annie Esty, expenses	2.05
Violet Parris, mileage, postage	5.92
Yvonne Stevens, expenses	2.75
Frank Gurney, trip to Concord	7.00
Supervisory Union No. 4, clerk, teacher tax	58.20
Ileene Matthews, Treas, postage	.46
First National Bank, Bristol, service charge	1.06
Record Print, notices	4.50
Enterprise Press, notices	3.00
Flora Braley, trip to Bridgewater	1.50

\$ 86.44

Teacher's Salary:

Ida G. Sirrine	1,622.00
Teachers' Retirement Board	94.20
Collector of Internal Revenue	120.10
	\$ 1,836.30

Text Books:

American Book Company	.74
Ginn and Company	22.87
Martin and Murray	21.95
Noble and Noble	3.20
Laidlaw Brothers	3.63
Webster Publishing Company	.64
Beckley-Cardy Company	3.03
The Garrard Press	.65
	\$ 56.80

Scholars' Supplies:

Supervisory Union No. 4, tests	7.80
J. L. Hammett Co.	15.96
Upson Company, drawing board	4.40
Bristol School District	10.23
Cardigan Sport Store	2.55
	\$ 31.99

Other Expenses of Instruction:

J. L. Hammett Company	1.28
Janitor Service:	
Ida Sirrine	15.00
Eugene Place	22.50
Floyd Colby, Jr.	37.50
	\$ 75.00

Fuel:

Orville, Matthews, 5 cds. wood	80.96
Carroll Matthews, sawing wood	15.00
Ida Serrine, putting in wood	7.50
Rene Latulippe, 5 cds. wood	75.00
	\$ 178.46

Water, Light and Janitor Supplies:

N. H. Electric Cooperative	42.00
Cavis Brothers, broom and dust pan	2.20
	\$ 44.20

Minor Repairs and Expenses:

Lillian Colby, cleaning school	25.60
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Medical Inspection:

Anna Lovett, R. N.	57.60
Teachers' Retirement Board	2.40
	\$ 60.00

Transportation of Pupils:

Fred White	900.00
Violet Parris	79.05
	\$ 979.05

High School Tuition:

Bristol School District	\$ 130.00
Plymouth School District	390.00
	\$ 520.00

Elementary Tuition:

Dorchester School District (\$25 for 1947-48)	\$ 101.00
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Other Special Activities:

H. J. Follansbee, graduation expense	1.62
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Per Capita Tax:

F. Gordon Kimball, State Treasurer	32.00
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Other Fixed Charges:

John C. Ray, treasurer's bond, vacancy permit	11.00
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Teachers' Retirement Board, district assessment	92.50
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Supervisory Union No. 4, Supt. Retirement District Assessment	15.83
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	\$ 119.33
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Total Expenses	\$ 4,429.65
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Auditors' Certificate

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Groton of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

Violet Parris, Auditor

GENERAL STATISTICS

Grade	Enrollment by Grades								Totals
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1948-1949	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	3	14
1949-1950	1	1	3	0	3	0	2	2	12

District Totals

	Av. Attend	Av. Abs.	Av. Memb.	%Attend.
1948-1949	12.11	.98	13.09	92.5
1949-1950	13.05	.55	13.6	96.9

Tuition Pupils

Plymouth High School	Rate \$ 171.00
Jennie Latulippe	Grade 11
Mae White	Grade 10
Dorchester School	Norman Waldron
	Grade 2

School Calendar 1950-1951

Term Opens Term Closes

September 5, 1950	December 22, 1950
January 2, 1951	February 16, 1951
February 26, 1951	April 13, 1951
April 23, 1951	Close completion 180 days

Days out: Plymouth Fair, Nov. 23, Dec. 24, May 30.
Single Sessions on Nov. 22 and Dec. 22.

Total number of days required by State Board is 180 including 3 for institutes and conventions, and up to 5 for workshops.

Pupils may enter the first grade provided they are 6 before January 1. Vaccination is required by state law unless child has written excuse from doctor.

SCHOOL BOARDS' ESTIMATE FOR 1959-1951

Detailed Statement of Expenditures

Support of Schools:

Teacher's Salary	\$ 1,800.00
Text books	40.00
Scholars' Supplies	35.00
Other Expenses of Instruction	10.00
Janitor Service	75.00
Fuel	115.00
Water, Light and Janitor Supplies	60.00
Minor Repairs and Expenses	60.00
Medical Supervision	60.00
Transportation of Pupils	950.00
Other Special Activities	10.00

Other Statutory Requirements:

Salaries of District Officers	130.00
Truant Officer and Census	5.00
Payment of Tuition in High School	800.00
Payment of Tuition in Elementary School	80.00
Superintendent's Salary	137.27
Per Capita Tax	38.00
Other Obligations of the District	214.79
Total Amount Required to Meet	
School Board's Budget	\$ 4,620.06

Estimated Income

Balance	\$ 100.00
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Estimate Income	100.00
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Assessment Required to Balance	
School Board' Budget	\$ 4,520.06

COMPARATIVE SCHOOL BUDGETS

	1948-1948	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51
	Budget	Spent	Budget	Estimate
Salaries of district officers	\$ 125.00	123.20	130.00	130.00
Superintendent's Salary	120.00	152.38	152.00	137.27
Truant officer and census	10.00	5.00	10.00	5.00
Expenses of administration	130.00	86.44	130.00	50.00
Teachers' salary	1,800.00	1,836.30	1,800.00	1,800.00
Text books	40.00	56.80	40.00	40.00
Scholars' supplies	35.00	31.99	35.00	35.00
Other expenses of instruction	20.00	1.28	20.00	10.00
Janitor service	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
Fuel	105.00	178.46	115.00	115.00
Water light and janitor supplies	60.00	44.20	60.00	60.00
Minor repairs and expenses	25.00	25.60	100.00	60.00
Medical supervision	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
Transportation of pupils	900.00	979.05	900.00	950.00
High school tuition	260.00	520.00	600.00	800.00
Elementary tuition		101.00		80.00
Other special activities	5.00	1.62	10.00	10.00
Per capita tax	32.00	32.00	34.00	38.00
Insurance and other charges	98.40	119.33	173.50	164.79
New equipment	5.00			
Totals	\$ 3,977.45	4,429.65	4,444.50	4,620.06

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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1949-1950

Continued Teacher Shortage. One hesitates to repeat himself in these reports but it seems necessary as long as others refuse to accept the facts. The shortage of elementary teachers is as great as at any time in the past few years and will probably remain that way due to several causes:

1. Young people are not training for the elementary field of work although more have entered the colleges than for several years; 2. There will be a steady increase in the number of elementary pupils throughout the nation for several years with those under one year of age being generally the greatest single age group in Union No. 4.; 3. There is a steady drain of the best qualified teachers from New Hampshire to the three New England states to the south of us and to states beyond this area due to higher salaries, better professional opportunities, greater security through tenure laws and retirement provisions, and living conditions more attractive to our younger teachers.

Tuition Costs. A new law passed by the last legislature now permits any school district to charge a tuition rate based upon total cost: "This current expense of operation shall include all costs except those made for capital outlay and debt obligations as determined annually by the state board of education." In other words to the costs of instruction may be added operating expenses such as fuel, lights, janitor services etc. Local tuition for high schools may jump \$ 50.00 and maybe more in some instances. Outside of tuition and transportation costs budgets probably won't show any great increases provided inflationary trends do not start a new spiral.

School Costs. Due to the small number of pupils and transportation costs the per pupil costs in Bridgewater, Hebron and Groton are relatively high and will probably remain that way. Teacher's salaries are at the lowest permitted by the state and other costs are as low as can be expected. However, due to high per pupil evaluation of property it is fairly safe to say that the amount of state aid to be received will never be great, if any at all. For the year of 1948 Bridgewater had a school tax per \$1000 equalized evaluation of \$6.07, Groton one of \$8.13 and Hebron \$5.09 while the state average was \$12.10. Alexandria had a rate of \$19.29, Bristol \$11.35, Canaan \$14.50 and Grafton \$16.07. This was a year of greatest state aid and these figures for Canaan and Bristol will be considerably higher when figured at the end of the year. A tax rate this year of \$30 or below is indeed very rare in the state. Current rates may be found in the 1949 New Hampshire Register.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Maurice Gray

VITAL STATISTICS

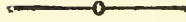


Marriages

In Bristol, N. H., March 6, 1949, by Rev. A. Brownlow Thompson, Ernest Norman of Somerville, Mass., son of Ernest B. Norman of Cambridge, Mass., and Alice Mae Stevens of Groton, N. H., daughter of Joseph O. Stevens of Moultonboro, N. H. and Yvonne (Rousseau) Stevens of Groton, N. H.

In Rumney, N. H., November 23, 1949, by Rev. Ernest E. Brown, Herbert W. Hayes, of Groton, N. H., and Helen R. Gardner of Groton, N. H.

Births



In Franklin, N. H., July 5, 1949, a son, Robert Frederick to Frederick I. and Ruth E. Taylor of Groton, N. H.

In Plymouth N. H., September 10, 1949, a son, Andrew Alden, to Charles H. and Theresa G. Tarr of Groton, N. H.

In Plymouth, N. H., October 14, 1949, a son, Donald Lee, to Floyd H. and Lillian E. Colby of Groton, N. H.

In Plymouth, N. H., a daughter, Patricia Lee to Holman and Regina E. Hood of Groton, N. H.

Deaths



In Groton, N. H., May 15, 1949, Fred Joseph White
of Groton, N. H., Age 54 years.



I hereby certify that the above records are correct
to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS,

Town Clerk

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Forest Fires—Our Most Shameful Waste. Everyone apparently fears fire but many are careless with it. This is particularly true of fires in and near woodlands. Official figures show that more than 98 percent of all forest fires result from human carelessness and can be prevented. Consequently, we may say "Forest Fires are our most shameful waste."

Annual forest fire losses are tremendous and their effect is far reaching. Such fires destroy the raw products of the forests, the protection forests provide for game and the supply of ground water. They upset local economies by drawing men from gainful employment and requiring the expenditures of public funds to extinguish them.

Our forest fire organization is doing a good job in keeping the size of fires small but the number is increasing. In 1949 there were 100 more fires in New Hampshire than in 1948, but they burned 500 acres less. For the warden and his deputies to do the job they are capable of, they must have the cooperation of the public—YOU!

The primary objective of all fire fighters is prevention—fire stoppage. This is the goal toward which your local forest fire warden and his deputies are constantly working. It can be achieved ONLY if YOU and YOU and YOU cooperate with them. It is worth YOUR effort and can be accomplished by:—

1. Being careful with fires in and near woodland, being particularly careful with matches and cigarettes.

2. Securing the required *written permit* from the warden when the ground is not covered with snow.

3. Insisting that others be careful and comply with burning requirements.

4. Calling the warden promptly when fire is detected and aiding him to extinguish it.

Let's reduce the number of forest fires and eliminate our most shameful waste.

Ernest Matthews
Forest Fire Warden

George F. Richardson
District Fire Chief

